

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 23-26, 28-32, 34-36, and 43-54 will be pending in this application. Applicants notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 34, and 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 25, 28, 29, 32, 34 and 43 have accordingly been rewritten. The remaining dependent claims all depend from the allowed claims.

Applicants submit new claims 44-55, which also depend from allowable claims and correspond to previous claims as follows:

44 – previous claim 24, now dependent upon claim 28  
45 – previous claim 25, now dependent upon claim 28  
46 – previous claim 26, now dependent upon claim 45  
47 – previous claim 24,  
48 – previous claim 25,  
49 – previous claim 26, now dependent upon claim 48  
50 – previous claim 28  
51 – previous claim 31, now dependent upon claim 34  
52 – previous claim 24, now dependent upon claim 43  
53 – previous claim 25, now dependent upon claim 43  
54 – previous claim 26, now dependent upon claim 52  
55 – previous claim 28, now dependent upon claim 43

Applicants respectfully request issuance of a patent containing these claims in due course.

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